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Chief officer Aleksandr Noskov of the Soviet merchant ship TUNGUS was skipper of a drifter of the Baltgosrybtrest (Baltic State Fishing Trust) in Keenigsberg (Kaliningrad) until 10 December 1954.                     

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                     immediately after the close of World War II, the USSR started the build up of the fishing fleet. The Murmansk fleet was the first to be set up to provided the population with cheap and nutritive cod and herrings. At present, the Murmansk fishing fleet comprises about 400 vessels. The Far East fishing fleet followed and not only provides its the USSR with fish but also yields foreign currency by its enormous catches of crabs which are mainly caught outside                      territorial waters. Some of the catches are salted on the spot at sea, shipped into large carrier ships and sent abroad,                      The remainder is shipped to the USSR and canned there. Noskov estimated the present Far East fishing fleet at about 400 vessels.

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